GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

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POST OF NOTARY PUBLIC
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of posts in Notary Public are lying vacant in various courts of West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details of the posts lying vacant, district-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to fill-up those posts?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K.VENKATAPATHY)

(a)&(b): It has been prescribed by the Notaries Rules, 1956 that maximum number of notaries to be appointed by the Central Government in respect of West Bengal State is 450 and out of which 137 notaries have been appointed by the Central Government so far. No quota has been specified for district-wise.

(c): On the receipt of an application, it shall be examined by the Competent Authority and if he is satisfied that the applicant does not possess the qualifications specified in Rule 3,or that any previous application of the applicant for appointment as a notary was rejected within six months before the date of application, shall reject it and inform the applicant accordingly. If the Competent Authority does not reject the application, he may if he thinks fit, seek comments from Bar Council, Bar Association etc. in the area- where the applicant proposes to practice objections if any to the appointment of the applicant as notary and seek an affidavit from applicant The number of application being large, processing in respect of each application takes sometime. Moreover, a separate Notary Cell has also been set up to expeditiously process applications for appointment of notaries.